



## **Construction Advisory Group**

### **Route 141 – Kirkwood Highway to Faulkland Road**

### **MEETING MINUTES – July 14, 2008**

Date: July 14, 2008  
Time: 5:00 PM  
Location: DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza, Bldg. 700  
Wilmington, Delaware 19805

#### **Present:**

Ms. Patricia Blevins – State Senator  
Ms. Deborah Hudson – State Representative  
Mr. Michael Alfree – DSCYF/DMSS  
Mr. Eryl Roth – DSCYF/DMSS  
Ms. Connie Stafford – DuPont Co.  
Mr. Bill Osborne – TMA Delaware  
Mr. Wayne Ashbee – Woodland Heights  
Mr. Pete Hayward –  
Dr. Noshua Ayers – Brookland Terrace  
Ms. Charlotte O’Sullivan – Willow Run  
Ms. Phyllis Berggnun – Willow Run  
Ms. Theresa Riddleberger – Willow Run  
Mr. Harry Cooper – DelDOT  
Mr. Mark Buckalew - DelDOT  
Mr. Robert King - DelDOT  
Mr. Dave DuPlessis – JMT

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Bob King informed group that:

- Informed group that Project Manager, Tom Brooks, was unable to attend the meeting this evening, and will deal with most of his open issues during next meeting.
- A resident of Willow Run is concerned regarding the lack of fencing along the rear of her property, sectioning off her land to the retention pond. She has not been given any notice as to how the project stands or when it will be installed. Now that it is summer, she feels uneasy with her child in the back yard without the fencing. Bob was under the impression that the approval and design had been made and that this would now be a non-issue. Senator Blevins, also at the meeting, expressed concern regarding this issue.

1. Upon follow up with the Project Manager: The fence has gone



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through the approval and design process and will be forwarded this week to the construction team who will include it within the contract for the contractor to include within his work schedule. The snag is; that while this work was never part of the original contract, this can often take some time to accomplish. When additional work is added (where we have no bid items) we can ask for the contractor to include this in his contract, but we can't force him to do this when we want him (or others want him) because that is not part of his critical path to get the overall project done. The last thing we would want would be to force a schedule on him and then have him come back to us and say we have delayed his overall schedule to complete the roadwork. So honestly, the actual construction of the fence might take several additional weeks, but we will stay on top of the issue and when things get close to installing the fence we will advise everybody accordingly.

Mark Buckalew updated the group on the project's progress during construction:

- The project is slightly behind schedule
- The following work is being done:
  1. Constructing the northeast abutment will to Bridge 1-143
  2. the Bridge I-600 work is about three weeks from completion of repairing the abutment wall.
    - a. Expansion dam replacement is still to come
    - b. We still need to repave the bridge deck.
  3. Excavating and placing stone for the new SR-141 north bound lanes and bike path.
  4. We closed the ramp today, from SR-2 (Kirkland Hwy) onto northbound SR-141. This will be in effect for approximately three months for the construction of the retaining wall.
  5. There are intermittent utility relocations along the east and west side of Faulkland Road. A water line tie in is still required along the east side of Faulkland road. DuPont and Ferris School should not be affected, but notifications will be sent out.
  6. Gas line relocations along the southbound SR-141 travel lanes.
  7. We will be closing Faulkland Road for approximately five days beginning on August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.
    - a. This work is to reconstruct the intersection at SR-141 and Faulkland Road.
    - b. There will be a lane shift along northbound and southbound SR-141 during this process. The lane shift will be to the west.



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- c. Work will progress during the five days almost 24-hours a day to expedite the closure.
- 8. We will continue with the single lane closures during off peak travel hours.

#### **General discussion ensued:**

- 1. A resident asked about tall grass growing on a stockpile by Ferris School. Mark said stockpiles aren't usually mowed because the grass dies on its own. It is also difficult to mow because of the slope of the stockpile.
  - a. Representative Hudson inquired if this stockpile will be reused. Mark assured the representative that the soil will be reused and distributed throughout the project area.
- 2. A resident asked if signs leading to Route 2 could also say "Kirkwood Highway." Tom said he would check into it. The resident said it causes crashes because people don't know Route 2 is Kirkwood Highway. – This was postponed account of Tom Brook's absence from the meeting.
- 3. Representative Hudson inquired about the area near the entrance to Woodland Heights. There are two bus stops along this section of road with only one lane in each direction. Therefore, whenever the bus stops to either drop off or pick up passengers it causes a backup of traffic, which during commuting hours becomes quite disruptive. She would like to know if there are pullover areas planned where the buses can stop at, thus allowing the traffic to pass, or if not, could there be at least one considered? Bob said he would check into it.
  - a. Follow up report: Originally the project was to end prior to this entrance but was extended so that the intersection could be upgraded with a signal. At this point there will be no improvements to the road except for some striping issues. Being that these bus stops are not within the project area, the existing lanes at either bus stop will not be altered. Along the south side of Faulkland Road there is currently a ten foot shoulder onto which the bus could pull over upon. This shoulder will be reconstructed, but there will be no alteration of the travel lane. The bus stop along the north side of Faulkland Road to the west of the Ferris School entrance will remain as it currently is.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2008 at 5 p.m.



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#### NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - 5:00PM

*DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza*

*Building 700*

*Cafeteria*

*Directions: Use Route 141 entrance, north of the Faulkland Road intersection*

*Travel on South Mall Road*

*Left on Third Street*

*At stop sign, left on North Mall Road*

*Parking is available on all four sides of Building 700*

*The main entrance faces North Mall Road*

